

DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

DARIEN, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of March 11, 2004 Meeting

Peter Maglathlin, chairman, convened the meeting of the High School Building Committee at 8:02p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

Members present:

Jenny Streeter	Peter Maglathlin
Jim Plutte	Jerry Nielsen
Dave Campbell	Sally Bosha
Sal Mazzeo	Kevin Newman

Guest List:

John Ryan	Peter Bowman
Jerry Auclair	

The meeting's agenda was adopted unanimously.

The minutes of the February 26 meeting were approved unanimously.

Construction Committee Report

John Ryan distributed "Project Cost Control Report #2." He gave a construction update, which placed the project essentially on schedule. He was able to report that a lot of interior work on Building C (Science) and Building D (Athletics) is underway, including the priming and painting of the two auxiliary gyms. The structural steel for Building A (Administration) should arrive Monday, with construction to begin Wednesday. The masonry is essentially completed on Buildings B (Core Classrooms), C, and E (Cafeteria).

He also said that he had reviewed 99% of the change orders from United Steel, and had negotiated all but the last two of them. There is no substantive agreement yet on those two. United Steel was waiting for a settlement offer from us. John Ryan wants to get the owner of O&G together with the principal of United Steel to resolve the dispute.

Jenny Streeter said that the EPC, in its periodic inspections, has not found the project in violation of any EPC-related requirement. Jerry Nielsen said that he had observed some trash on the site, especially in the retention areas, that need to be cleaned up. Dave Campbell said that a lot of cleaning up had been done in the last two weeks.

John Ryan was asked to close the gate at the south end of the football field to eliminate the possibility of further track and field damage from automobiles.

Peter Maglathlin said that he had given authorization to John Ryan take action on individual items if Mr. Ryan or O&G had not heard back from the architect or a contractor within five days from the placing of a request. The committee unanimously supported his decision.

Peter Bowman said that the architects are working on a list of proposals for value engineering as the project moves more indoors.

Jenny Streeter said that a meeting is to be scheduled with affected parties to discuss students being able to use the new gyms in the spring of 2005. If a temporary occupancy certificate for the new gyms would be issued, the existing gym complex could be demolished as early as possible in the spring of 2005.

Chairman's Report

Peter Maglathlin said that Connie Melvin, chairman of the Darien Environmental Group, wanted to discuss salvaging items from the existing school that were not going to be used in the new school. Noting that the Board of Education just recently adopted a new policy on disposal of school property, Jenny Streeter said she would contact Ms. Melvin.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2004, at 8:00p.m. in Room 206 of the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Plutte
Secretary

Approved: April 8, 2004